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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 16, 2011, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 51-114 are pending.

As set forth in Claim 51, the present invention relates to a carrier having a finely fibrous topside,

wherein the carrier is provided with a dressing which has a grain texture having grain peaks and grain valleys on its face side,

wherein the dressing comprises a consolidated polymeric dispersion,

wherein the dressing is bonded to the carrier via a single thin bonding layer formed from a consolidated, polyurethane-containing polymeric dispersion and having been applied to the topside of the carrier,

wherein the dressing has capillaries which extend through its entire thickness, and